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of Wards.

The third concerning the regulating the sale
of Bishops Lands, and expediting the
Conveyances thereof.

The fourth for the reliefe of *Chester.*

O Rdered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament,
That these foure Ordinances be forthwith printed
and published. Jo. Brown Cler. Parliament.

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Die Lunne 23 Auguste 1647.

An Ordinance for keeping in godly Ministers placed in Livings by Authority of Parliament.

WHereas divers Ministers in the severall Countie of this Kingdome for notorious Scandals and Delinquency, have beene put out of their Livings by Authority of Parliament, and Godly, Learned, and Orthodox Ministers placed in their roomes: And whereas the said Scandalous and Delinquent Ministers by force, or other wayes, have entred upon the Churches, and gained the possession of the Parsonage-houses, Tithes, and Profits thereunto belonging, and have obstructed the payment of the Tithes and other Profits due by the Parishioners unto the Ministers placed in the said Churches by Authority aforesaid.

The Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament doe therefore Order and Ordaine, and be it Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That all Sheriffes, Mayors, Bailiffes, Justices of the Peace, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Committees of Parliament in the severall Counties, Cities, and places within this Kingdome, doe forthwith apprehend, or cause to be apprehended all such Ministers as by Authority of Parliament have beene put out of any Church or Chappell within this Kingdome, or any other person or persons who have entred upon any such Church or Chappell, or gained the possession of such Parsonage-houses, Tithes, and Profits thereunto belonging, or have obstructed the payment of the Tithes and other profits due by the Parishioners to the said Ministers there placed by Authority of Parliament, or Sequestrators

questrators appointed, where no Ministers are settled to
 receive the same; and all such persons as have beene
 Aiders, Abettors, or Assissors in the Premises, and com-
 mit them to prison, there to remain untill such satisfaction
 be made unto the severall Ministers placed by the
 said Authority of Parliament for his or their damages
 sustained, as to the said Sheriffes, Mayors, Bailiffes, Ju-
 stices of the Peace, Deputy-Lieutenants, or Committees
 of Parliament, or any two of them shall appeare to be
 just, upon hearing and prooffe made upon the Oath of
 two sufficient Witnesses (which they or any two of
 them are hereby authorized to administer) who are
 likewise required to restore, settle, and quiet the pos-
 session in such Ministers as have beene placed by the said
 Authority of Parliament, and they or any two of them
 have hereby power to raise Trained Bands, or any other
 Forces within the said severall Counties, Cities, and
 places to put this Ordinance in execution, and the said
 Sheriffes, Mayors, Bailiffes, Justices of the Peace, Depu-
 ty-Lieutenants, and Committees of Parliament respec-
 tively, are hereby required to take effectuall course
 according to the severall Orders and Ordinances of Par-
 liament in that behalfe made, that all men do pay their
 Tithes or Profits due unto the said respective Ministers.
 And it is hereby further Ordered and Ordained, That
 the Committee appointed for plundered Ministers, have
 power to see this Ordinance put in execution. And is is
 further Ordained, That the Committee of complaints
 do give the like remedy to all such Ministers put in by the
 said Authority of Parliament, and Sequestrators of the
 profits against whom any Action shall be brought by any
 such Delinquent, or scandalous Ministers, or any other
 clayming by or under them, for their Livings, Tithes,
 and

and Profits, as they are authorized unto by any Order or Ordinance in other cases.

It is lastly Ordered and Ordained, That if any such scandalous or Delinquent Minister, put out as aforesaid, their Aidors, or Abettors, shall at any time hereafter disturbe, molest, or hinder such Minister as is put into such Church or Chappell as aforesaid, in the exercising of the Office of his Ministry, upon prooffe thereof made upon the Oath of two Witnesses, before the said Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Justices of Peace, Deputy-Lieutenants, or Committees of Parliament, or any two of them; it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffes, Justices of the Peace, Deputy-Lieutenants, or Committees of Parliament, or any two of them, to commit such Offendor or Offendors to prison for one Moneth, so often as he or they shall so offend.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliament.

Die Martis 24 Feb. 1645.

An Order of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the taking away of the Court of Wards.

IT is this day Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the Court of Wards and Liveries, and all Wardships, Liveries, Primer Seisins, and *Oustre Le Main*, and all other charges incident or arising for, or by reason of Wardships, Livery, Primer Seisins, or *Oustre Le Main*, be from this day taken away, and that all Tenures by Homage, and all Fines, Reliefs, Seisures, and Pardons for alienation, and all other charges incident thereunto be likewise taken away; and that all Tenures by Knights Service, either of his Majesty or others,

whereby Knights Service, or Socage in Capite of his Majesty,
be turned into free and common Socage.



Die Luna 23. August, 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament for regulating the sale of Bishops Lands, and expediting the Conveyances thereof,

BE it Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That whereas in the late Ordinance of Parliament, made the 16. of *Novemb.* Anno Dom. 1646. it is appointed that the Purchasers of any Bishops Lands shall pay the latter moiety of Purchase money within six moneths after the sealing of the Assurance; And whereas divers Purchasers have before the sealing of the Assurance obtained the possession of the said Purchased Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in all such cases the said six moneths wherein the latter moyety of the Purchase money ought to be payed, shall be reckoned from the time of the Contract, and not from the sealing of the Assurance; and that in lieu thereof the Purchaser shall have and enjoy all the mean profits which he hath had, or received in the mean time; And that the Treasurers for Bishops Lands shall allow, and rebate to any Purchaser, who hath any money due by the said Ordinance, the interest which shall be due unto him, together with the principall, the same

same to be defaultked at the times of payment of his Purchase money; and that all Assignees of any monies due by the said Ordinance, may default the same upon Purchasers in like manner as the lenders themselves might doe. And the Contractors, Trustees, Treasurers, and all others imployed in the sale of Bishops Lands, are hereby required, and enjoyned to perfect and seale their respective Conveyances or Assurances with all possible expedition.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliament.

Die Lunæ 23 August, 1647.

An Ordinance for the Reliefe of

CHESTER.

WHEREAS the City of Chester is grievously infected, and visited with the Plague of Pestilence in every Parish and part thereof, very few Families being cleare, by reason whereof almost all the Persons of ability have left the said City, and there are remaining (for the most part) only the poore that have no means of subsistence, being altogether deprived of Trading, which if they be not presently relieved in an extraordinary way, are like to perish for want, and so endanger the infecting the adjacent Counties. And whereas the Countie of Chester is exceedingly impoverished by the late War, whereby they are disabled for affording them any considerable reliefe; It is therefore Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the respective Mi-

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of the said Parishes, and Congregationall Church
 within the Cities of London and Westmister, the Lines of
 Communication, and weekly Bills of Mortality, and with-
 in the Countie of Chester, Kent, Suffex, Surry, Southampton,
 Middlesex, Essex, Hertford, Cambridge, Suffolke, and Nor-
 folke, doe upon the next Lords day after receipt of this
 present Ordinance, or the Copy thereof, publish the di-
 stressed condition of the poore Inhabitants of the said Ci-
 ty of Chester, and earnestly move their people to contri-
 bute to so charitable a worke, and that the summes so col-
 lected be paid by the Collectors thereof unto *William*
Drink-water, and *Robert Wilding*, Citizens of London,
 their Deputy, or Deputies. And the said *William Drink-*
water, and *Robert Wilding* are hereby required forthwith
 to send such monies as they shall receive unto the Mayor,
 Aldermen, and Sherifes of the said City of Chester, or any
 two of them, to be by them distributed to the poore in-
 habitants of the said City, and the said *William Drink-*
water, and *Robert Wilding* shall take Acquittances for such
 summes of money as they shall upon this collection pay
 to the said Mayor, Aldermen, Sherifes, or any two of them
 under their hands; which Acquittances shall be a sufficient
 discharge to them for the same. And it is further Or-
 dained, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Sherifes, or
 any two of them shall certifye unto the Committee of Act
 comprised in the said summe which shall be received by them
 by virtue of this present Ordinance, are like to be like for
 the adjacent Countie. And whereas the Countie of Che-
 ster was disabled for attending them any considerable
 time by the late War, where *John Brown Esq; Parliament*
 is therefore Ordered by the Lords and Com-
 mons assembled in Parliament, That the respective Ma-
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